

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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IMPOPRT OF PROCESSED FOOD

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether import of processed foods has an adverse impact on India's food processing industries ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the success achieved by the Government so far as a result thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) & (b): No specific instance of adverse effect on indigenous food processing industries due to import of processed food items has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(c) & (d): Government has taken steps so that indigenous food processing industry is not adversely affected by import of processed such as tax benefits: both direct and indirect, excise exemptions and easy FDI in this sector. The Indian Food Processing Industry is well protected by import duty of around 30% to 35% on most of the processed foods. The Government has taken every step with due caution to protect the interest of the farmers, processors as well as consumers.